

MTF Rail and Transit Committee Meeting

Nov 15, 2012

1:30 start

Attendees:

Ashutosh Kumar
Bud Whitehead
David Schmitt
Diane Quigley
Gabe Matthews
Hoyt Davis
Jeannette Berk
Min-Tang Li
Santanu Roy
Scott Seeburger
Steve Polzin
Steve Ruegg
Terry Corkery

Thomas Rossi
Xia Jin
Diana Fields
Evangelos Kaisar
Michael Escalante
Neelam Fatima
Chunyu Lu
Myung Sung
Bob Crawley (friend)
Li Jin
Neelam Fatima
Sheldon Harrison
John Zielinski (visiting presenter)

INTRODUCTION

Scott: Attendance taken. Introduced agenda: Two presentations on transit data libraries, MTF discussion, and committee objectives.

PRESENTATIONS

D4 Regional Transit database development presentation – Dr. Min-Tang Li, P.E.

1. Background
2. Coordination and Partnership
3. Status and Progress
4. Next Steps

The Database was developed to provide a data warehouse for transit data needed for transit corridor and PD&E studies and to provide a resource for sharing data in the region.

No Questions for Min-Tang Li.

D5 TransMap Mapping Tool – John Zielinski, District 5 Statistics Administrator and Santanu Roy, HDR

The purpose of the web-based mapping and information tool is to provide access to transit related information and allow mapping and spatial analysis of transit systems to inform decision making. The ultimate objective is to facilitate coordinated planning and implementation strategies between the regional transportation partners to ensure consistency of future plans of various transit agencies within the District. The tool provides easy access to an extensive library of documents including transit concept studies, TDPs, master plans, a transit map book, and completed bike/ped plans.

Questions/Comments:

- Steve Polzin requested contact information.
- How easy was it working with the transit agencies to gain access to their information that is available on TransMap?
 - John indicated that it has not been problematic.
 - Diane Quigley indicated that about 80-85% of the state’s transit agencies have GIS information and that D4 and D5 have combined this information in a unified data set.
 - Santanu stated that updates are made periodically and are sent to the agencies for review and dissemination.
 - John indicated that maintenance is very important to keeping the tool useful.
- What have been the costs associated with the initial development and on-going maintenance of TransMap, and are further enhancements contemplated.
 - John indicated that initial development costs were about \$70,000 and that information updates cost \$5-6,000 annually.
 - Currently the system provides a document library and capabilities for mapping transit systems (routes, stops), FDOT work program, transit plans, roadway LOS, DRI locations, gaps in sidewalks and bicycle facilities, and other information.
 - Planned enhancements will include data elements that D4 is working on know including APC counts, AVL information, stop amenities, etc.

MTF COMMITTEE MEETING

The agenda for the December MTF meeting shows that the Transit Committee will meet on December 5th from 1:30-3:30pm. The Committee’s agenda includes presentations on TBEST, a presentation and discussion on “where to go from here” on the Model Updated work, continuation of flushing out the Committee’s objectives and priorities, and a discussion on future research topics.

Diana: ATM structure meeting is now starting at 3:30 so there is no overlap.

Scott: Went over the MTF agenda for the committee meeting. Timing of presentations.

Steve Ruegg: Mentioned that there is a Transit Model Update Webinar scheduled for Nov 27.

Tom Rossi: Suggested submitting research topics and definitions for the Committee's objectives to Scott prior to the meeting. Scott agreed to this.

Neelam: What role will the priorities play going forward?

Scott: The priorities were based on the survey conducted recently. These are then assumed to be what the more important issues are for the Committee to pursue in the future. However, if specific objectives can be easily accomplished, then the Committee may want to consider pursuing even low-priority objectives. Ultimately, the expectation is that small groups would volunteer to progress objectives. Defining the elements of what specific objectives entail has been requested of the Committee and will be important for determining how to proceed.

Meeting adjourned, 3:00 pm.